

Highlights

Crude oil

- April monthly average crude oil prices show mixed trends. The average domestic crude oil first purchase price fell 59 cents (1.0%) to \$60.08 per barrel.
- The average free-on-board (f.o.b.) cost of imported crude oil decreased 31 cents (0.5%) to \$57.17 per barrel. The average landed cost of foreign crude oil increased 38 cents (0.6%) to \$59.31 per barrel.
- The average refiner acquisition cost for domestic crude oil was flat at \$63.25 per barrel. The average cost of imported crude oil rose \$1.08 (1.8%) to \$60.86 per barrel. The composite refiner acquisition cost for crude oil increased 43 cents (0.7%) to \$62.39 per barrel.

Petroleum products

Motor gasoline

- Monthly average prices for refiner sales of motor gasoline continued to rise in April. The average retail price rose 5.1 cents to \$2.493 per gallon, while the average wholesale price increased 4.4 cents to \$2.055 per gallon.
- Refiner sales of finished motor gasoline rose in April. Total sales climbed 10.7 million gallons per day (3.7%) to an average of 302.6 million gallons per day. Retail sales rose 700,000 gallons per day (3.5%), while wholesales increased 10.0 million gallons per day (3.7%). DTW sales accounted for 6.6% of wholesales, while rack and bulk sales made up 91.1% and 2.3%, respectively.

No. 2 distillate

- Prices for refiner sales of No. 2 distillates fell in April. The monthly average price for No. 2 diesel fuel sold to end users decreased 2.7 cents to \$2.084 per gallon, while the average wholesale price declined 4.5 cents to \$1.911 per gallon. The average retail price for No. 2 fuel oil fell 13.8 cents to \$2.185, while the wholesale price declined 1.8 cents to \$1.708 per gallon.
- Refiner wholesale sales of No. 2 ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel rose 3.4 million gallons per day (2.3%), to 149.7 million gallons per day.

Residual fuel oil

- April monthly average prices for refiner sales of residual fuel oil show modest changes from March levels. The average retail price for residual fuel oil declined 1.0 cent to \$1.756 per gallon, while the average wholesale price rose 0.3 cent to \$1.686 per gallon.
- Refiner residual fuel oil sales decreased 2.2 million gallons per day in April. Retail sales fell 100,000 gallons per day (4.8%), while wholesales declined 2.1 million gallons per day (30.0%).

Other products

- Monthly average prices for refiner sales of products included in this section were mostly on the decrease in April. Prices for propane, kerosene-type jet fuel, and No. 1 distillate fell at both the retail and wholesale levels; kerosene prices also decreased at wholesale. Aviation gasoline prices were flat at retail but rose at wholesale.
- Refiner sales of these products were mixed during April. Kerosene-type jet fuel sales increased at both the retail and wholesale levels, while sales of No. 1 distillate fell in both categories. Propane sales rose at retail, but fell at wholesale, while aviation gasoline sales show opposite trends. Kerosene sales fell at the wholesale level during April.

Table HL1. U.S. refiner prices and volumes of petroleum products

prices: dollars per gallon excluding taxes, volumes: million gallons per day

Products	Sales to end users						Sales for resale					
	April 2021		March 2021		April 2020		April 2021		March 2021		April 2020	
	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume	Price	Volume
Motor gasoline	2.493	20.8	2.442	20.1	1.490	12.4	2.055	281.8	2.011	271.8	0.645	188.1
Conventional	2.311	13.1	2.274	12.6	1.286	8.0	1.995	195.4	1.957	188.4	0.572	133.0
Regular	2.251	11.4	2.215	11.0	1.221	7.0	1.953	171.9	1.918	167.2	0.535	117.4
Midgrade	2.549	0.7	2.519	0.7	1.543	0.4	2.186	1.1	2.144	1.0	0.768	0.9
Premium	2.857	1.0	2.823	0.9	1.850	0.6	2.306	22.4	2.267	20.2	0.858	14.8
Reformulated	2.799	7.8	2.724	7.5	1.862	4.4	2.191	86.4	2.134	83.3	0.819	55.1
Regular	2.672	5.6	2.598	5.4	1.728	3.2	2.125	70.4	2.072	68.4	0.763	45.8
Midgrade	3.006	0.8	2.930	0.8	2.102	0.4	2.380	0.3	2.329	0.3	1.005	0.2
Premium	3.190	1.4	3.112	1.3	2.280	0.8	2.482	15.7	2.421	14.7	1.098	9.1
Aviation gasoline	3.363	0.0	3.364	0.0	W	W	3.018	0.5	2.978	0.4	1.590	0.3
Kerosene-type jet fuel	1.726	25.5	1.763	24.4	0.740	13.8	1.688	28.5	1.720	25.9	0.703	13.3
Propane (consumer grade)	0.851	3.4	0.964	3.0	0.368	2.8	0.842	18.8	0.985	24.9	0.378	23.6
Kerosene	W	W	W	W	W	W	1.845	0.3	1.854	0.4	0.837	0.7
No. 1 distillate	2.322	0.1	2.324	0.1	1.551	0.1	2.134	0.4	2.244	0.8	1.193	0.5
No. 2 distillate	2.085	10.1	2.113	9.8	1.138	10.6	1.904	155.9	1.944	155.0	0.906	161.1
No. 2 fuel oil	2.185	0.1	2.323	0.1	1.220	0.1	1.708	5.2	1.726	7.9	0.872	8.5
No. 2 diesel fuel	2.084	10.0	2.111	9.7	1.137	10.5	1.911	150.7	1.956	147.1	0.908	152.6
Ultra low sulfur	W	W	W	W	1.141	9.7	1.911	149.7	1.956	146.3	0.908	151.4
Low sulfur	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	-	-	-	W	W
High sulfur	W	W	W	W	W	W	1.824	1.0	1.826	0.8	W	W
No. 4 fuel[a]	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W
Residential fuel oil	1.756	2.0	1.766	2.1	0.976	2.3	1.686	4.9	1.683	7.0	0.733	8.7
Sulfur content not > 1%	W	W	W	W	W	W	1.780	3.0	1.780	3.9	0.796	5.2
Sulfur content > 1%	1.556	W	1.590	W	0.942	W	1.534	1.9	1.558	3.0	0.639	3.5

NA = Not available.

- = No data reported.

W = Withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

[a] Includes No. 4 fuel oil and No. 4 diesel fuel.

Notes: - Beginning January 2007, oxygenated gasoline is included in conventional gasoline. - In January 2007, ultra low-sulfur diesel fuel was added. - All on-highway diesel must be ultra low-sulfur as of December 1, 2010 - Values shown for the current month are preliminary. Values shown for previous months are revised. Data through 2019 are final. Total volumes may not equal the sum of the components because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration Form EIA-782A, Refiners'/Gas Plant Operators' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report.

Figure HL1. Crude oil and petroleum product wholesale prices

